GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4691
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MOBILE PHONE SERVICE IN TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether mobile phones have been introduced by the BSNL in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether more towns/cities are likely to be covered under it in Tamil Nadu;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not , the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

(a) Yes, Sir. Mobile telephone services have been introduced in the State of Tamil Nadu.

(b) The Cellular Mobile Service was launched in Tamil Nadu on 24.10.2002 and 160089 cellular connections has been provided upto 31.3.2003 covering about 90 cities in the State. The services in Chennai was launched on 30th March 2003.

(c) & (d): Yes Sir. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) plans to cover additional towns of Tamil Nadu during 2003-04 subject to their commercial viability.

(e) Does not arise in the view of (c) & (d) above.